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SUBJECT: RHODESIA PROPOSALS

1. SUMMARY. TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTS FRONT LINE STATES FIND US-UK PROPOSALS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE AND NYERERE IS NOW TURNING HIS ATTENTION TO "WORKING ON" NATIONALISTS TO CLARIFY THEIR POSITION ON PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.

2. I TOOK INITIATIVE MORNING SEPT. 9 TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON RHODESIAN SITUATION WITH TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BEN MKAPA. IN VERY CORDIAL AND FRANK CONVERSATION, FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST EMERGED:

(A) FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS HAD BEEN CONTEMPLATING MEETING THIS WEEKEND TO DISCUSS US-UK PROPOSALS.

(B) HOWEVER, NYERERE HAD CONCLUDED THAT PROPOSALS WERE GENERALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCEPTABLE TO FRONT LINE AND THAT MOST IMPORTANT THING NOW WAS TO "WORK ON" NATIONALISTS WHOSE POSITION WAS LESS CLEAR THAN MIGHT BE DESIRED.

(C) THEREFORE, MKAPA WAS BEING SENT LATER TODAY ON TRIP AROUND FRONT LINE CAPITALS TO COLLECT THOUGHTS AND TO TRY TO ESTABLISH LINE THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH NATIONALISTS. HE EXPECTED RETURN

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3. I MADE APPROPRIATE ENCOURAGING NOISES AND SAID THAT WHILE I AS YET HAD NO FIRM INFORMATION, MY GUESS WAS MOVES WOULD BEGIN IN UN AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK TO GET SC TO AUTHORIZE SYG TO APPOINT SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS WITH RESIDENT COMMISSIONER DESIGNATE ET AL.

4. MKAPA ASKED IF SECURITY COUNCIL HAD TO ACT ON APPOINTMENT. I SAID I DIDN'T KNOW BUT ASSUMED SYG WOULD BE RELUCTANT MOVE AHEAD WITHOUT SC AUTHORIZATION. I ADDED THAT APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL REP DID NOT, OF COURSE, CONSTITUTE APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS AS SUCH.

5. MKAPA ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF SMITH AND VORSTER REFUSED TO COOPERATE BUT STRUNG OUT PROCESS. I SAID I SUPPOSED ALL OF US WOULD THEN TURN TO FINDING WAYS TO GIVE THEM INCENTIVES TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING.

6. MKAPA NOTED AND ACCEPTED MY STIPULATION THAT PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE WERE JUST MY PERSONAL VIEW BUT SAID HE WAS GLAD TO HAVE IT AS HE TOURED FRONT LINE CAPITALS. NYERERE WOULD WANT TO HEAR FROM ME WHEN US-UK POSITION WAS FIRMED UP. I IN TURN THANKED MKAPA FOR HIS FRANK EXPLANATION OF TANZANIA'S CURRENT VIEWS AND MOVES.

7. COMMENT: I FIND SOME OF GRAHAM'S LOGIC (PARAS 3, R, 6,
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LONDON 15008) STRANGE, BUT SEE NO PROBLEMS HERE IN THE SHORT TERM AT LEAST IF WE PROCEED ALONG PROPOSED LINES. BELIEVE WE SHOULD LEAVE MKAPA ALONE AS HE PROCEEDS WITH WHAT LOOKS TO BE A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE MISSION, BUT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SHOULD INFORM FRONT LINE CAPITALS OF NEXT WEEK'S ANTICIPATED MOVES IN UN.
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